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SUBJ: SADAT ON ME PEACE EFFORT

1. ALTHOUGH MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT LAST EVENING DEALT MAINLY WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS (SEPTTEL), ME PEACE EFFORT ALSO CAME UP. HE HAD READ THE DEPT'S JUNE 27 STATEMENT, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HELPFUL. HE WAS AWARE OF NEGATIVE ISRAELI REACTION AND, UNLIKE FAHMY, SAW THIS AS EVIDENCE OF GENUINENESS OF THE STATEMENT.

2. SADAT REITERATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S DETERMINATION TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PEACE EFFORT. HE AGAIN WANTED TO ASSURE THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WILL STAND BY THE COMMITMENTS THAT HE MADE DURING WASHINGTON VISIT. NOTING THAT THE THREE- YEAR " ON RESORT TO FORCE" PERIOD STIPULATED IN SINAI II DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE FALL OF 1978, SADAT STATED THAT HE WILL RENEW THE UNEF MANDATE FOR ANOTHER YEAR WHEN THE PRESENT ONE EXPIRES IN OCTOBER. THIS, HE OPINED, SHOULD GIVE USG ADEQUATE TIME TO MOVE AHEAD. BY THEN, HE HOPED, THE PEACE PROCESS WILL AGAIN BE WELL UNDER WAY.

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3. SADAT NOTED THAT HE HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT ANY OF THE RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS OF MR. BEGIN AND HIS GOVERNMENT. HE HAD DELIBERATELY AVOIDED RESPONDING TO WHAT HE CALLED PROVOCATIVE ISRAELI STATEMENTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS SOME UNEASINESS ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS. BEGIN, AND ESPECIALLY WEIZMAN (WHOM HE SAID HE KNEW FROM LONG AGO), HE DESCRIBED AS HAWKISH.

WEIZMAN'S REACTION TO THE USG STATEMENT HAD BEEN TO ANNOUNCE PARTIAL MOBILIZATION. IN HIS VIEW, BEGIN/ WEIZMAN WILL TRY TO ABORT THE PEACE PROCESS BY SOME MILITARY ACTION, SUCH AS A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST AN ARAB STATE.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HAD EARLIER IN THE DAY MET WITH VISITING LEBANESE FONMIN BOUTROS, WHO HAD EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ISRAELI MILITARY MOVE INTO SOUTH LEBANON. WITH WEIZMAN AS ISRAELI MINDEFENSE, SADAT THOUGHT THIS POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD AGAIN SPOKEN TO THE ISRAELIS ABOUT SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION AND HAD BEEN ASSURED THEY HAD NO HOSTILE DESIGNS. ISRAELIS INTEND, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE SUPPORT THE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON. SADAT OPINED THAT THIS MIGHT ONLY BE AN EXCUSE TO MOVE INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. NEITHER BEGIN NOR WEIZMAN, HE REITERATED, CAN BE TRUSTED.

5. IN CONTRAST TO HIS HARSH COMMENTS ABOUT BEGIN AND WEIZMAN, SADAT HAD A GOOD WORD TO SAY ABOUT MOSHE DAYAN. IN HIS VIEW, DAYAN, WHILE TOUGH, IS NOT AS INFLEXIBLE AS HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES BELIEVE OR AS DAYAN'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS SOMETIMES SUGGEST. DAYAN'S PRESENCE IN THE CABINET GAVE HIM SOME HOPE THAT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE ON THE ME PEACE FRONT.

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